captioned "Firms with 5 crores tax arrears to be blacklisted" published in the Indian Post, Bombay dated July, 17, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies to be blacklisted; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against these blacklisted companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) There is no proposal of black listing any company for having excise and income-tax arrears.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Air-conditioners and Desert coilers in the Ministry of Science and Technology

3041. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided central air-conditioning facility to the building occupied by the Ministry of Science and Technology in Delhi; if so, what is the annual expenditure incurred, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on the window-type air-conditioners and desert coolers for the Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the number of air-conditioners and desert coolers purchased and what is the number of air-conditioners and desert coolers condemned and auctioned during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what are the reasons for purchasing air-conditioners and desert coolers for a centrally airconditioned building; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that window-type air-conditioners have been provided to non-entitled category of officers, if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The offices of the Ministry of Science and Technology located at Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi have two administrative buildings and one auxiliary services blocks. One of the administrative buildings is centrally air-conditioned; whereas the other building has 11 no. old imported packaged type A/C units installed about 20 years back.

The year wise break up of maintenance expenditure on A/c plants in the two buildings during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	(figures in Rs.)
1984-85	552,906
1985-86	396,294
1986-87	334,546

(b) The details of the expenditure incurred on purchase and maintenance of window-type airconditioners as well as desert coolers during the last 3 years is as follows:

(In Rupees)

	Window type A/C		Desert Coolers	
	Capital	Maintenance	Capital	Maintenance
1984-85	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1985-86	99,528	4,155	Nil	Nil
1986-87	66,481	21,790	Nil	Nil

(c) In all 15 window-type air-conditioners were purchased during the last 3 years (1984-87). No air-conditioner/desert cooler was condemned/auctioned during this period.

(d) and (e) As mentioned above in part (a), 11 packaged type A/c units were installed about 20 years back. They have outlived their normal life. Since these are imported units, the spares are not readily available. Since the efficiency of these units had gone down, window-type A/c units were purchased to supplement the packaged units so as to maintain the desired temperature and environmental conditions. As both the administrative buildings are fully air-conditioned, all the officials are having airconditioned office accommodation; therefore, the question of providing A/c facilities to non-entitled categories of officers does not arise.

Aid by Aid India Consortium

3042. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of aid proposed to be given to India for 1987-88 by Aid India Consortium;

(b) whether this amount is higher or lower than that provided in 1986-87; and

(c) specific projects, if any, for which the aid of 1987-88, was earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The total aid pledges indicated for 1987-88 at the recent Consortium meeting were of the order of US $ 5.4 million which is higher than US $ 4.8 million indicated at the last Consortium meeting.

(c) Pledges made in the Consortium meeting represent only a broad indication of the likely level of assistance during the year. The specific details of the projects to be financed under the assistance are tied up separately through negotiations with the multilateral/bilateral doner agencies.

Victimisation and Nepotism in Indian *Institute* of *Tropical Meteorology*

3043. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of victimisation and nepotism by the highest authorities, from the employees of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to protect employees of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology against the alleged victimisation and nepotism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's inquiries have revealed that there is no victimisation of employees of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology nor there is any nepotism in the Institute.

3044. [*Transferred to the 24th August*, 1987].

Growth in Bank Deposits

3045. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleaesd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is slower growth in bank deposits in the year 1987 in comparison to last two years; and

(b) what are the new schemes introduced by the Government to attract more savings in the Scheduled Banks?